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DEPARTMENT PASS ARMY, NAVY, AIR, POLAD CINCARIB, POLAD  
CINCLANT.

DELIVERED PRESIDENT'S LETTER TO PRESIDENT BETANCOURT AT  
5 P. M. AND HE CALLED IN MINISTERS FOREIGN AFFAIRS,  
INTERIOR AND DEFENSE FOR CONVERSATION IN WHICH HE LAID OUT  
INTERNATIONAL LINE FULLY IN SUPPORT OF US POSITION. HE  
EXPRESSED GREAT SATISFACTION WITH PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AND STATED  
HE WOULD MAKE SUPPORTING SPEECH TO NATION WEDNESDAY NIGHT.  
HE APPEARED RELIEVED AT NATURE OF PRESIDENT'S POSITION  
AS HE EVIDENTLY FEARED ANNOUNCEMENT UNILATERAL US ACTION.  
IN MY PRESENCE PRESIDENT: (A) TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR SOSA  
AT ON AND INSTRUCTED HIM SUPPORT AMBASSADOR STEVENSON  
FULLY AND MAKE SPEECH OUTLINING VENEZUELAS TRADITIONAL  
POLICY TOWARDS CUBA AND UNDERSCORING THREAT TO HEMISPHERE.  
HAVE SENT FOREIGN MINISTER TEXT PROPOSED RESOLUTION.

(B) INSTRUCTED THAT VENEZUELAS OAS REPRESENTATIVE SUPPORT  
US POSITION RE ACTION UNDER ARTICLE SIX AND EIGHT RIO  
TREATY. SAID HE MIGHT SEND FOREIGN MINISTER BACK TO  
WASHINGTON TO HANDLE SITUATION.

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